
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
February 3, 2005

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Paul Bowlen at 10:35 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Paul Bowlen	City of Cerritos
Mayor Cristina Cruz-Madrid	SGVCOG
Councilmember Doug Davert	City of Tustin
Councilmember Mike Dispenza	City of Palmdale
Councilmember Daryl Hofmeyer	City of Paramount
Councilmember Mary Ann Lutz	City of Monrovia
Kathryn McCullough	OCCOG
Councilmember Paul Nowatka	City of Torrance
Councilmember Marilyn Poe	City of Los Alamitos
Mayor M. Jo Shields	City of Brawley

Members Not Present

Councilmember William Alexander	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Mayor Lyle Alberg	WRCOG Subregion
Councilmember Gary Bosworth	CVAG Region
Mayor Alta E. Duke	City of La Palma
Councilmember Susan Longville	SANBAG Subregion
Mayor Ronald Loveridge	City of Riverside
Councilmember Larry McCallon	City of Highland
Councilmember Susan McSweeney	City of Westlake
Supervisor Chris Norby	Orange County
Councilmember Jan Perry	City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Ed Reyes	City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Laura Richardson	City of Long Beach
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	SANBAG Subregion
Councilmember Don Szerlip	South Bay Cities Subregion
Charles White	WRCOG Subregion
Mayor Bob Yousefian	City of Glendale

New Members

Councilmember Todd Campbell	City of Burbank
Councilmember Gil Coerper	City of Alhambra
Mayor Mary Ann Krause	City of Santa Paula

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Paul Bowlen, at 10:35 a.m. The following new members were recognized: Councilmember Todd Campbell, Councilmember Gil Coerper, and Mayor Mary Ann Krause.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Bowlen stated that Mayor Ron Loveridge, a member of the CEHD committee, would be meeting with the press in the Imperial Conference room at 11:00 a.m. to present the finding of the SCAG State of the Region Report for 2004. Mayor Loveridge will be presiding over the press conference in his capacity as the Chair of the Benchmark Task Force and as a representative of the CEHD.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of the January 6, 2005 meeting

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Future Events Calendar

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process

Frank Wen, SCAG staff, presented the Committee with an update on the status of the 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process. Mr. Wen stated that the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee would oversee the 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process. Staff will work closely with subregions and subregional coordinators to move the process forward, and report key development and progress to Planning and Programming Technical Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wen went on to say the Community Development staff have started key preparation work from last July in order to lay the foundations to complete the 2007 RTP. Those works include development 2000/2003 socioeconomic data for transportation modeling improvement, update and validation, coordinating with transportation analysis, programming, modeling and growth visioning staff on a master schedule for completion of 2007 RTP/EIR.

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Frank also mentioned that right after the CEHD action, staff will start the survey of local jurisdictions regarding their comments on 2004 RTP Growth Forecast. Staff will also request subregions and subregional coordinators to help with the quality control of the 2003 base year data.

Action: It was moved by Councilmember Mary Ann Lutz and seconded by Councilmember Davert for staff to proceed with the 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update.

The Chair requested staff come back to the Committee if there were any changes to the schedule.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 State Budget and Housing Policy Update

Tonya Gorham, SCAG staff, gave a brief summary of Governor Schwarzenegger's budget for 2005-06 that was released on January 10. Ms. Gorham stated that the General Fund budget is expected to be \$83.8 with expenditures to be about \$85.7 billion. Ms. Gorham pointed out that with the release of the Governor's budget, SCAG's concern is with the proposed suspension of Proposition 42 funds. During the 3 years of Prop 42 suspension there has been a lost of \$3.4 billion in revenue for transportation. Further, Ms. Gorham reported that the Governor proposes to repay the suspended amount over the next 15 years, but to amend the proposition to prohibit future Proposition 42 suspension after 2006-07.

Ms. Gorham reported on several other items: (1) that the Governor has proposed a program called Go California which is a comprehensive program regarding transportation, the improvement of transportation and connecting transportation to housing; to be presented in more detail in the spring; (2) Governor's proposed suspension of most mandates for a savings of \$250 million, and (3) the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) mandate is unfunded in this budget.

Councilmember Paula Nowatka announced that the State Commission on Mandates would be meeting on March 30 to talk about the RHNA process and that he would be going to Sacramento to attend the meeting.

6.2 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

Tonya Gorham presented the summary of bills being discussed in the California State Legislature, which reconvened on January 3. Ms. Gorham pointed out that this matrix is very brief because the session just started and that federal bills would be included in the upcoming matrices. A brief discussion ensued among the members on AB 14 authored by Assemblyman Harman, which was introduced on January 8. Staff was instructed to bring the bill back to the next meeting with more detail.

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In addition to the matrix, Lynn Harris suggested that staff could put together a packet of information of how the Committee works and some of the history and key projects being worked on in the organization. Kathryn McCullough asked that staff be sure to include a glossary of acronyms. Ms. Gorham added that the legislative program includes copies of the calendar for both federal and state bills and a glossary of terms.

6.3 Compass 2% Strategy Implementation Update

Mark Butala, SCAG staff, made a progress report on the Compass 2% Strategy: Consensus Building, Monitoring and Training and Demonstration projects.

Staff has been making presentations on the Compass throughout the SCAG region, this fiscal year every subregion at least once, Imperial County, interaction with the L.A. County League of Women voters, and a number of community groups and key organizations about the region. Mr. Butala mentioned that a conference is being planned for the late spring early summer to launch the tools and resources being created via the Compass program. UCLA has invited SCAG to participate on their 2nd Annual Smart Growth Conference in May.

Monitoring and training will be a key to the implementation and success of the Compass program. To this end staff is developing a monitoring system by working with the GIS, forecasting, and data staff to create a tracking system and organizing external training workshops for regional stakeholders.

Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development section, presented the toolbox and the Suite of Services that will be available to cities wishing to become a demonstration city. The level of services available and the amount of resources available to the cities would depend on the types of service desired. She concluded by saying staff and the consultant team are in the preliminary stages and will be reporting back to the Committee.

6.4 Progress Report on the Subregional Economic Strategies Project

Bruce DeVine, Chief Economist, gave a progress report on the Subregional Economic Strategies Project. The purpose of the project is to develop subregional economic strategies to enhance economic growth in the Inland Empire, Imperial County, and Gateway Cities. The initial phase of the program started a year ago with the subregions and other economic development professionals to discuss ideas for economic development project that would be of benefit to the subregion and which SCAG could assist in their implementation. It was agreed to focus on Imperial County for the pilot project. The outcome was the creation of a handbook entitled "Subregional Economic Strategies: a Guide to Sources of Information and Assistance prepared for Imperial County" and the creation of a key indicator book which could be used at their annual summit conference. Mr. Devine stated that this achievement

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was important because this type of report had not been done before and can be used as a benchmark for future studies in other areas. Mr. DeVine pointed out the unique feature of the report was the comparison of Imperial County, Yuma, Arizona and Kings County California because of their similarity with Imperial projects. He distributed a sample copy of the report and concluded by saying other Projects are under consideration for Gateway Cities and Inland Empire and that he will make periodic progress reports to CEHD.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Bowlen reported that the Regional Comprehensive Plan schedule is for progress reports in March and May of 2005, and draft chapters will be in June and July of 2005.

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris reported on the letter sent to the State Department of Housing and Community Development to permit SCAG to use a provision of the newly revised Housing Element law for RHNA process which would allow a COG, such as SCAG, to link the scheduling of preparing with the preparation of the Growth Forecast for the RTP. The letter had to be filed by December 31, 2004. To date it doesn't appear that there will be any response from HCD until after a meeting takes place with SCAG's Executive Director Mark Pisano, and HCD Director, Ms. Lucetta Dunne, and possibly with Secretary McPeak.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lynn Harris reported on behalf of Chair Robertson that there be a standing report from the Housing Summit Subcommittee.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Bowlen reported on a tour he had taken of the Port of Los Angeles which was very informative. Vice Chair Bowlen suggested staff might look into taking a group out to the Port for the tour.

Vice Chair Bowlen also asked that if there could be a summary of what goes on during the other SCAG meetings TCC, EEC, and RC.

Councilmember Paul Nowatka announced that the Housing Summit Committee, which also includes Councilmember Mary Ann Lutz and Kathryn McCullough, will be meeting on February 10. Mr. Nowatka said the first meeting would be to determine exactly what the Committee would like to accomplish and not to repeat what some other group has done.

Mr. Nowatka announced that the Subregional Director asked him to relay the announcement about the South Bay Cities Council of Government holding their General Assembly in Rolling Hills on February 24, 2:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The focus for the General Assembly is energy use. The keynote speaker is Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Commissioner, California Energy Commission.

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Kathryn McCullough announced that she would not be attending the meeting in March.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Kathryn McCollough moved to adjourn and Todd Campbell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at the SCAG Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:

**Lynn Harris, Manager
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